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Employment Trends  
Billings SMSA  
1976-1985

I. EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Overall employment is estimated to increase by 17,070 between 1976 and 1985. The Billings growth between 1976 and 1985 calculates to be a 37.7 percent increase which is greater than the statewide projected increase of 32.6 percent and Great Falls SMSA increase of 21.4 percent. The energy related industries growth in eastern Montana is a big attribute for Billings to grow faster than the statewide projections.

During recent years economic growth and emphasis with respect to jobs has shifted away from goods producing industries (agriculture, mining, contract construction, and manufacturing) to service producing industries (transportation, communications, public utilities, wholesale and retail trade, finance, insurance, real estate, services, and government). This is indicated by the 1976-1985 anticipated employment change with service producing industries increasing by about 15,000 and goods producing industries enlarging by about 2,000.

1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Agriculture workers, estimated at 1,630 in 1976, are projected to drop to 1,245 in 1985. Increased mechanization, continuing trend of the vanishing farmer, and improved production practices lowers the demand for farm workers rather than a depressed industry status situation.

2. Mining

Mining is the smallest industry sector and will remain such through 1985. Increased employment will occur mostly in petroleum and natural gas and nonmetallic mining industries.

3. Construction

The trend for construction employment is projected to increase by 1,338 through the 9 year study period. The average annual employment growth of 3.9 percent between 1976 and 1985 should be considered a general trend estimate due to wide fluctuation in the construction industries activity.

4. Manufacturing

Slightly more than one-third of the goods-producing industries employment is involved in the manufacturing sector that anticipates a moderate growth of 23.1 percent over the study period. Food and kindred products industries and petroleum refining will be the larger nondurable products gainers, and durable products employment expansion leaders include fabricated metal products and saw and planing mills.

5. Transportation and Public Utilities

Transportation, communications, and public utilities industries expects employment enlargement of 1,000 from 1976 to 1985, with the transportation sector absorbing 50 percent of this expansion total.

6. Wholesale and Retail Trade

The 6,566 employment increase in the wholesale and retail industries is the largest increase of the major industry groups for

the study period. Also, the 47.3 percent increase in employment for the wholesale and retail industry represents the second largest major group increase. General merchandise and eating and drinking places will expand by 2,877 between 1976 and 1985 which amounts to about 44 percent of the total expansion.

7. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

Leading the net percentage change for the larger industry categories is the finance, insurance, and real estate industry group. Nearly 1,100 new jobs will be created in this group during the study period. The banking industries will absorb the most new positions with a 566 projected increase.

8. Services

Second in numeric increase for the industry group are the service industries with 5608 projected new jobs. This amounts to a 39.9 percent increase from 1976 to 1985. Among the industries subgroupings that will expand the fastest are hotels and lodging places, miscellaneous business services, motion picture theaters, medical and other health services, and engineering and architect services.

9. Public Administration

The government employment expansion will be more moderate from 1976 to 1985 (37 percent increase) as compared to the 1970 to 1976 increase (44 percent) as the pressure to hold down government cost occurs. This group is forecast to increase by 838 employees during the study period. State workers will expand faster than federal and local government workers.

TABLE I

DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS-PRODUCING AND SERVICE-PRODUCING  
INDUSTRIES IN 1976 AND 1985

## BILLINGS SMSA

	1976 EMPLOYMENT	1976 PERCENT	1985 EMPLOYMENT	1985 PERCENT	1976-1985 PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	45,234	100.0	62,304	100.0	37.7
GOODS-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	9,041	20.0	10,988	17.6	21.5
Agricultural Production	1,546	3.4	1,169	1.9	-24.4
Mining	473	1.0	713	1.1	50.7
Contract Construction	3,790	8.5	5,128	8.2	35.3
Manufacturing	3,232	7.1	3,978	6.4	23.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	36,193	80.0	51,316	82.4	41.8
Ag. Services, Forestry, Fisheries	84	0.2	85	0.1	1.2
Tran., Comm., & Public Utilities	3,671	8.2	4,689	7.5	27.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13,890	30.7	20,456	32.9	47.3
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate	2,239	4.9	3,331	5.4	48.8
Services	14,035	31.0	19,643	31.5	39.9
Government	2,274	5.0	3,112	5.0	36.9

TABLE II

BILLINGS SMSA  
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY  
INDUSTRY LISTING FROM STANDARD  
INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION MANUAL

	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTED <u>1976</u>	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTED <u>1985</u>	PERCENT CHANGE <u>1976-1985</u>
Total all industries .....	45,234	62,304	37.74
Agriculture, forsy, fisheries .....	1,630	1,254	-23.07
Agriculture .....	1,610	1,228	-23.73
Agricultural production .....	1,546	1,169	-24.39
Services, exc horticulture .....	44	49	11.36
Horticultural services .....	20	10	-50.00
Forestry .....	20	26	30.00
Fisheries .....	0	0	0.0
Mining.....	473	713	50.74
Metal Mining .....	22	28	27.27
Coal Mining .....	13	22	69.23
Crude petroleum and nat ga .....	286	433	51.40
Nonmetallic mining, quarryi .....	152	230	51.32
Construction .....	3,790	5,128	35.30
General building contracto .....	1,053	1,391	32.10
Gen contractors, exc bld .....	843	1,085	28.71
Special trade contractors .....	1,894	2,652	40.02
Manufacturing .....	3,232	3,978	23.08
Durable goods .....	845	1,144	35.38
Ordnance .....	*	*	*
Lumber and wood product .....	82	202	146.34
Logging .....	*	*	*
Sawmill, planng mill, mill .....	82	202	146.34
Misc wood product .....	*	*	*
Furniture and fixtures .....	55	63	14.55
Stone, clay, glass product .....	200	241	20.50
Glass and glass product .....	*	*	*
Cement, concrete, plaster .....	162	196	20.99
Structural clay prod .....	35	42	20.00
Pottery and related prod .....	*	*	*
Mis nonmetallic, stone .....	*	*	*
Primary metal industries .....	*	*	*
Blast furnaces, steel wks .....	*	*	*
Other primary steel .....	*	*	*
Primary aluminium ind .....	*	*	*
Other primary nonferrous .....	*	*	*

\*Less than ten.

	TOTAL 1976	EMPLOYMENT PROJECTED 1985	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
Fabricated metal prod .....	280	351	25.36
Cutlery, other hardware .....	*	*	*
Fabricated metal prod .....	243	305	25.51
Screw machine prod .....	*	*	*
Metal stamping .....	*	*	*
Misc fabricated metal pr .....	36	45	25.00
Machinery, exc electrical .....	86	101	17.44
Engines and turbines .....	*	*	*
Farm machinery, equip .....	11	12	9.09
Construction machines .....	40	51	27.50
Metalworking machinery .....	*	*	*
Office, accounting mach .....	*	*	*
Electronic computing equ .....	*	*	*
Machinery, nec .....	34	37	8.82
Electrical machinery .....	*	*	*
Household appliances .....	*	*	*
Radio, TV, commun equip .....	*	*	*
Electrical machinery, nec .....	*	*	*
Transportation equip .....	16	25	56.25
Motor vehicle equip .....	*	*	*
Aircraft and parts .....	*	*	*
Ship, boat bldg, repair .....	*	*	*
Railroad equip .....	*	*	*
Mobile dwelling .....	*	*	*
Cycles, misc transp equip .....	10	19	90.00
Prof, scientif instruments .....	12	10	-16.67
Scientific instruments .....	*	*	*
Optical, health serv supp .....	*	*	*
Photo equip and supplies .....	*	*	*
Watches and clock device .....	*	*	*
Misc manufacturing .....	106	143	34.91
 Nondurable goods .....	 2,387	 2,834	 18.73
Food and kindred prod .....	972	1,287	32.41
Meat products .....	329	437	32.83
Dairy products .....	63	83	31.75
Canning and preserving .....	*	*	*
Grain-mill products .....	13	17	30.77
Bakery products .....	142	187	31.69
Confectionary products .....	*	*	*
Beverage industries .....	97	128	31.96
Misc food preparation .....	324	431	33.02
Tobacco manufacturing .....	*	*	*
Textile mill products .....	*	*	*
Knftting mills .....	*	*	*
Dyeing, finishing textile .....	*	*	*
Floor coverings .....	*	*	*
Yarn, fabric mills .....	*	*	*
Misc text mill products .....	*	*	*
Apparel, textile products .....	27	28	3.70
Apparel and accessories .....	*	*	*
Misc fabricated products .....	26	27	3.85
Paper and allied products .....	*	*	*
Pulp, paper, paperbd mills .....	*	*	*
Paperbd containers, boxes .....	*	*	*
Misc paper and pulp prod .....	*	*	*
Printing and publishing .....	559	503	-10.02
Newspaper publ, printing .....	227	206	- 9.25
Print, publish exc news .....	332	297	-10.54
Chemical and allied prod .....	26	27	3.85
Industrial chemicals .....	21	22	4.76
Plastics, synthetics .....	*	*	*
Synthetic fibers .....	*	*	*
Drugs and medicines .....	*	*	*
Soaps and cosmetics .....	*	*	*
Paints, varnishes .....	*	*	*

\*Less than ten.

	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT 1976	PROJECTED 1985	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
Agric chemicals .....	*	*	*
Misc chemicals .....	*	*	*
Petroleum and coal prod .....	778	960	23.39
Petroleum refining .....	778	960	23.39
Misc petrol, coal prod .....	*	*	*
Rubber, misc plastic prod .....	14	18	28.57
Rubber products .....	8	11	37.50
Misc plastic prod .....	*	*	*
Leather products .....	11	11	0.0
Leather tanning, finishing .....	11	11	0.0
Footwear, exc rubber .....	*	*	*
All other leather prod .....	*	*	*
Transportation, other pub uti .....	3,671	4,689	27.73
Transportation, total .....	2,574	3,078	19.58
Railroads, railway express .....	893	1,036	16.01
Local, interurban transit .....	232	349	50.43
Street railways, bus line .....	164	249	51.83
Taxicab service .....	68	100	47.06
Trucking and warehousing .....	1,218	1,465	20.28
Trucking services .....	1,007	1,203	19.46
Warehousing and storage .....	211	262	24.17
Water transportation .....	*	*	*
Air transportation .....	95	86	- 9.47
Pipelines .....	79	68	-13.92
Transportation services .....	57	74	29.82
Communication, util, sanita .....	1,097	1,611	46.86
Communications .....	591	890	50.59
Telephone (wire & radio) .....	408	615	50.74
Telegraph, misc commun se .....	13	19	46.15
Radio broadcasting, TV .....	170	256	50.59
Utilities, sanitary serv .....	506	721	42.49
Electric light and power .....	36	55	52.78
Electric-gas utilities .....	118	184	55.93
Gas, steam supply systems .....	12	18	50.00
Water supply .....	149	191	28.19
Sanitary services .....	174	250	43.68
Other utilities, nec .....	17	23	35.29
Wholesale and retail trade .....	13,890	20,456	47.27
Wholesale trade .....	3,692	5,052	36.84
Wholesale, exc misc whols .....	2,945	4,121	39.93
Motore vehicles and equi .....	528	733	38.83
Drugs, chemicals, allied p .....	156	208	33.33
Dry goods and apparel .....	30	29	- 3.33
Food and related product .....	623	899	44.30
Farm prod raw material .....	100	160	60.00
Electrical goods .....	205	260	26.83
Hardware, plumbing .....	215	270	25.58
Machinery equip, supplies .....	1,088	1,562	43.57
Misc wholesale trade .....	747	931	24.63
Metals and minerals, nec .....	35	45	28.57
Petroleum products .....	283	349	23.32
Scrap and waste material .....	67	77	14.93
Alcholic beverages .....	51	65	27.45
Paper and its products .....	32	41	28.13
Lumber, constr, materials .....	145	187	28.97
Wholesale, nec .....	134	167	24.63
Retail trade .....	10,198	15,404	51.05
Building materials .....	872	1,172	34.40

\*Less than ten.

	TOTAL 1976	EMPLOYMENT PROJECTED 1985	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
Lumber, bldg material .....	491	662	34.83
Hardware and farm equip .....	381	510	33.86
General merchandise, total .....	1,830	3,060	67.21
Department, mail order .....	1,360	2,334	71.62
Limited price stores .....	83	141	69.88
Vending machine operator .....	22	35	59.09
Direct selling .....	242	347	43.39
Misc merchandise stores .....	123	203	65.04
Food and dairy stores .....	910	1,487	63.41
Grocery stores .....	814	1,346	65.36
Dairy prod stores .....	16	26	62.50
Retail bakeries .....	25	29	16.00
Food stores, nec .....	55	86	56.36
Auto dealers, gas stations .....	1,483	1,987	33.99
Motor vehicles dealers .....	618	849	37.38
Tire, battery accessory .....	62	83	33.87
Gas service stations .....	618	799	29.29
Misc vehicle dealers .....	185	256	38.38
Apparel and accessories .....	465	651	40.00
Apparel accessories stor .....	400	560	40.00
Shoe stores .....	65	91	40.00
Furniture and appliances .....	455	717	57.58
Home furnishing stores .....	260	422	62.31
Appliance, TV, radio store .....	195	295	51.28
Eating and drinking place .....	2,888	4,535	57.03
Misc retail trade stores .....	1,295	1,795	38.61
Drug stores .....	339	495	46.02
Liquor stores .....	72	105	45.83
Farm, garden supply store .....	27	37	37.04
Jewelry stores .....	97	123	26.80
Fuel and ice dealers .....	31	47	51.61
Retail florists .....	96	138	43.75
Misc retail trade stores .....	633	850	34.28
 Finance, insurance, real estate .....	2,239	3,331	48.77
 Finance, total .....	984	1,826	85.57
Banking .....	664	1,230	85.24
Credit agencies .....	218	411	88.53
Stock brokers, investment .....	102	185	81.37
Insurance .....	495	653	31.92
Real estate, re law insur .....	760	852	12.11
 Services, total .....	14,035	19,643	39.96
 Hotels and lodging places .....	1,245	1,946	56.31
Hotels and motels .....	1,011	1,696	67.75
Lodging places, exc hotel .....	234	250	6.84
Other personal services .....	729	738	1.23
Laundry, cleaning .....	248	256	3.23
Beauty shops .....	241	249	3.32
Barber shops .....	84	75	-10.71
Shoe repair shops .....	24	23	-4.17
Dressmaking shops .....	26	27	3.85
Other personal services .....	106	108	1.89
Misc business services .....	927	1,578	70.23
Advertising .....	24	43	79.17
Business mgmnt services .....	213	344	61.50
Commercial R & D .....	22	40	81.82
Computer programming .....	10	19	90.00
Detective and protective .....	95	169	77.89
Employment, temp help .....	22	40	81.82
Services buildings .....	240	412	71.67
Other misc services .....	301	511	69.77

	TOTAL 1976	EMPLOYMENT PROJECTED 1985	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
Auto repair services .....	478	653	36.61
Auto repair .....	359	480	33.70
Auto services, exc repair .....	119	173	45.38
Other repair services .....	403	511	26.80
Electrical repair shop .....	196	283	44.39
Other repair services .....	207	228	10.14
Motion pictures, theaters .....	174	317	82.18
Misc entertainment .....	348	471	35.34
Bowling alleys, billiards .....	103	136	32.04
Misc entertainment .....	245	335	36.73
Medical, other health .....	2,813	4,420	57.13
Offices of physicians .....	543	838	54.33
Offices of dentists .....	231	341	47.62
Offices of chiropractors .....	37	46	24.32
Hospitals .....	1,441	2,327	61.49
Convalescent institution .....	322	512	59.01
Health practitioners, nec .....	62	84	35.48
Health services, nec .....	177	272	53.67
Legal services .....	337	447	32.64
Educational services .....	4,291	5,472	27.52
Elementary, secondary .....	2,989	3,867	29.37
Colleges and universities .....	946	1,200	26.85
Libraries .....	51	70	37.25
Educational services, ne .....	305	335	9.84
Museums, art galleries, zoo .....	37	50	35.14
Nonprofit organizations .....	782	1,001	28.01
Religious organizations .....	33	39	18.18
Welfare services .....	137	202	47.45
Residential welfare .....	137	174	27.01
Nonprofit membership .....	475	586	23.37
Private households .....	342	282	-17.54
Other prof, related service .....	1,129	1,757	55.62
Eng and arch services .....	407	762	87.22
Accounting, auditing .....	318	483	51.89
Misc prof services .....	404	512	26.73
Public Administration:	2,274	3,112	36.85
Federal public admin .....	1,184	1,540	30.07
Postal services .....	381	514	34.91
Other public admin .....	803	1,026	27.77
State public admin .....	137	218	59.12
Local public admin .....	953	1,354	42.08

## II. OCCUPATION EMPLOYMENT

Total annual average job openings in the Billings SMSA are estimated at 3,702 over the 9 year study period. Openings due to growth consist of 51 percent or 1,895 of the total and 1,806 annual openings will be created by separations. Thus, for every 100 new jobs created by industry growth there will be about 98 openings due to separations.

In grouping occupations into type of worker, the white collar worker (professional, technical, managers, sales workers, and clerical workers) trend dominates the numeric increase in employment which includes 60 percent of the 17,065 total occupational growth. Blue collar workers (craft and kindred, operatives, and nonfarm laborers) expect to grow by 33 percent through the 9 year study period. Service workers employment is expected to increase by 3,028 from 1976 to 1985 for a 10,072 total in 1985. The 42.9 percent increase in service workers is one of the larger group increases during the study period. Clerical workers expansion will be the largest percent increase for the occupational group, and the big increase in paper work required by the various industries is a major factor. Farmers and farm workers are the only major occupational group to record a decline from 1976 to 1985. Farm managers are the only type of farm worker that will have an increase in employment.

TABLE III

DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP  
1976 AND PROJECTED 1985

## BILLINGS SMSA

MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	1976		PROJECTED 1985		NET CHANGE 1976-1985
	EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT DISTRIBU- TION	EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT DISTRIBU- TION	
TOTAL ALL OCCUPATIONS	45,238	100.0	62,303	100.0	37.7
Professional, Technical, and Kindred	6,564	14.5	8,725	14.0	32.9
Managers, Officials, and Proprietors	7,075	15.6	9,806	15.8	38.6
Sales Workers	3,526	7.8	5,007	8.0	42.0
Clerical Workers	7,539	16.7	11,420	18.3	51.5
Craft and Kindred Workers	5,510	12.2	7,629	12.2	38.5
Operatives	4,507	10.0	5,820	9.3	29.1
Service Workers	7,044	15.6	10,072	16.2	42.9
Laborers, Except Farm	2,360	5.2	3,043	4.9	28.9
Farmers and Farm Workers	1,113	2.4	781	1.3	-29.8

TABLE IV

ANNUAL AVERAGE JOB OPENINGS  
1976-1985

## BILLINGS SMSA

MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL	OPENINGS DUE TO GROWTH	OPENINGS DUE TO SEPARATIONS
Total All Occupations	3702	1895	1806
White-Collar Workers	2160	1139	1021
Prof., Technical, and Kindred	468	240	228
Managers, Officials, and Propr.	620	303	317
Sales Workers	317	165	152
Clerical Workers	755	431	324
Blue-Collar Workers	834	457	376
Craft and Kindred Workers	411	235	175
Operatives	272	146	126
Nonfarm Laborers	151	76	75
Service Workers	698	336	362
Farmers and Farm Workers	10	-37	47

TABLE V

BILLINGS SMSA  
 ANNUAL AVERAGE JOB OPENINGS  
 BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS AND  
 SELECTED OCCUPATIONS  
 1976-1985

	TOTAL JOB OPENINGS	OPENINGS DUE TO GROWTH	OPENINGS DUE TO SEPARATION
TOTAL ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,702	1,896	1,806
Professional, technical, and kindred . . . . .	468	240	228
Engineers, technical . . . . .	28	21	7
Engineers, chemical. . . . .	9	6	3
Life and physical scientists . . . . .	15	10	5
Geologists . . . . .	11	8	3
Engineers, science technicians . . . . .	37	28	8
Drafters . . . . .	12	9	3
Engineering, science tech nec. . . . .	13	9	4
Medical workers, exc tech. . . . .	83	48	35
Physicians, MD osteopaths. . . . .	10	8	2
Registered nurses. . . . .	46	23	23
Health technol and tech. . . . .	17	12	5
Technicians, exc health. . . . .	8	5	3
Social scientists. . . . .	9	7	2
Teachers . . . . .	103	15	89
Elementary school teachers . . . . .	50	13	37
Secondary school teachers. . . . .	11	-7	18
Teachers nec, exc coll, univer . . . . .	25	7	18
Writers, artists, entertainers . . . . .	40	25	15
Musicians and composers. . . . .	19	13	6
Other professional, technical. . . . .	124	66	58
Accountants. . . . .	40	20	20
Lawyers. . . . .	14	7	7
Librarians . . . . .	16	4	12
Recreation workers . . . . .	12	7	5
Social workers . . . . .	10	5	5
Vocational, ed counselors. . . . .	11	8	3
Managers, officials, proprietors . . . . .	620	303	317
Buyers, sales, loan managers . . . . .	132	93	39
Bank, financial managers. . . . .	51	38	13
Buyers, wholesale, retail. . . . .	10	6	4
Purchasing agents, buyers, nec . . . . .	9	4	5
Sales manager, retail trade. . . . .	41	30	11
Sales manager, exc ret trade . . . . .	12	9	3
Administrators, pub inspectors . . . . .	49	20	28
Inspectors, exc construct pub. . . . .	9	4	5
Officials, admins, pub . . . . .	12	4	8
School admin, elem, secondary. . . . .	11	6	5
Other managers, officials, props . . . . .	440	191	249
Office managers, nec . . . . .	22	12	11
Restaurant, cafe, bar mgrs . . . . .	27	10	17
Other mgrs, administrators . . . . .	370	164	207

	<u>TOTAL JOB OPENINGS</u>	<u>OPENINGS DUE TO GROWTH</u>	<u>OPENINGS DUE TO SEPARATION</u>
Sales workers . . . . .	317	165	152
Hucksters and peddlers . . . . .	13	6	7
Insurance agents, brokers, etc . . . . .	15	7	8
Real estate agents, brokers . . . . .	19	3	16
Stock and bond sales agents . . . . .	10	5	5
Sales workers, nec . . . . .	246	136	109
Clerical workers . . . . .	755	431	324
Stenographers, typists, secre . . . . .	212	119	93
Secretaries, other . . . . .	169	98	71
Typists. . . . .	30	17	13
Office machine operators . . . . .	14	8	6
Other clerical workers . . . . .	529	305	224
Bank tellers . . . . .	20	14	6
Bookkeepers. . . . .	69	30	39
Cashiers . . . . .	57	34	22
Clerical supervisors, nec. . . . .	11	8	4
Counter clerks, exc food . . . . .	41	19	22
Estimators, investigators, nec . . . . .	21	12	9
Library attendants, assistant. . . . .	10	5	5
Postal clerks. . . . .	9	4	5
Receptionists. . . . .	37	20	17
Shipping, receiving clerks . . . . .	14	8	6
Stock clerks, store keepers. . . . .	14	9	5
Teachers aides, exc monitors . . . . .	22	15	7
Misc clerical workers, nec . . . . .	134	94	40
Crafts and kindred workers . . . . .	411	235	175
Construction crafts workers. . . . .	142	84	59
Carpenters . . . . .	54	27	27
Electricians . . . . .	22	15	7
Excavating, grading, mach opr. . . . .	15	10	5
Plumbers and pipefitters . . . . .	22	13	9
Blue collar worker supvr, nec. . . . .	50	29	21
Mechanics, repairers, installers . . . . .	122	74	48
Auto mechanics . . . . .	38	23	15
Heavy equip mech, incl diesel. . . . .	15	9	6
Household appliance mechanics. . . . .	13	8	6
Radio, television repairers. . . . .	14	11	3
Transportation, pub util craft . . . . .	21	15	6
Telephone installers, repairers. . . . .	9	7	2
Other crafts, kindred workers. . . . .	68	33	35
Opticians, lens grindr, polishr. . . . .	14	10	4
Operatives . . . . .	272	146	126
Operatives, exc transport. . . . .	161	83	77
Semiskilled metalworking . . . . .	25	16	8
Welders and flame cutters. . . . .	25	16	8
Semiskilled packing, inspecting. . . . .	17	10	7
Other operatives, exc transport. . . . .	119	57	62
Dressmakers, exc factory. . . . .	14	4	10

	<u>TOTAL JOB OPENINGS</u>	<u>OPENINGS DUE TO GROWTH</u>	<u>OPENINGS DUE TO SEPARATION</u>
Garage wrkrs, gas station atten. . . . .	13	5	8
Misc mach operatives . . . . .	17	10	7
Operatives, nec. . . . .	23	12	11
Transport equipment operatives . . . . .	112	63	49
Bus drivers. . . . .	10	4	7
Delivery and route workers . . . . .	36	26	10
Truck drivers. . . . .	39	21	18
Service workers. . . . .	698	336	362
Cleaning service workers . . . . .	202	95	107
Lodging quartrs cleanrs exc pr . . . . .	42	24	18
Bldg interior cleaners, nec. . . . .	70	35	35
Janitors and sextons . . . . .	90	37	53
Food service workers . . . . .	262	140	122
Bartenders . . . . .	28	15	13
Cooks, exc private . . . . .	81	43	37
Food counter, fountain workers . . . . .	26	14	12
Waiters. . . . .	87	50	37
Food workers, nec, exc private . . . . .	22	7	15
Health service workers . . . . .	102	62	40
Nurses aides, orderlies. . . . .	55	32	23
Practical nurses . . . . .	32	20	12
Personal service workers . . . . .	91	32	59
Child care workers, exc private. . . . .	49	23	26
Hairdressers, cosmetologists . . . . .	18	5	13
Protective and service workers . . . . .	38	17	21
Guards . . . . .	11	3	8
Police and detectives. . . . .	15	10	5
Sheriffs and bailiffs. . . . .	10	4	6
Laborers, except farm. . . . .	151	76	75
Carpenters, helpers. . . . .	16	8	8
Freight, material handlers . . . . .	12	8	4
Gardenrs, groundkeepr, exc farm. . . . .	27	4	22
Stock handlers . . . . .	32	24	8
Vehicle washers, equip cleaners. . . . .	13	7	6
Other laborers . . . . .	25	9	16
Farmers and farm workers . . . . .	10	-37	47
Farmers and farm managers. . . . .	14	-20	34

TABLE VI

Billings SMSA  
 TOTAL EMPLOYMENT  
 BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP AND  
 SELECTED OCCUPATIONS  
 1976-1985

	<u>1976 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985</u>
Professional, technical, and kindred .....	6,564	8,725	32.9
Engineers, technical .....	378	564	49.2
Engineers, aero-astronautic .....			
Engineers, chemical .....	33	56	69.7
Engineers, Civil .....	109	164	50.5
Engineers, electrical .....	55	92	67.3
Engineers, industrial .....	18	27	50.0
Engineers, mechanical .....	51	62	21.6
Engineers, metallurgical .....			
Engineers, mining .....			
Engineers, petroleum .....	31	45	45.2
Engineers, sales .....	14	20	42.3
Engineers, other .....	67	98	46.3
Life and physical scientists .....	227	319	40.5
Agricultural scientists .....	9	10	11.1
Atmospheric, space scientists .....	13	16	23.1
Biological scientists .....	23	30	30.4
Chemists .....	13	17	30.8
Geologists .....	163	234	43.6
Marine scientists .....	6	12	100.0
Physicists and astronomers .....			
Life, physical scientists nec .....			
Mathematical specialists .....			
Actuaries .....			
Mathematicians .....			
Statisticians .....			
Engineers, science technicians .....	380	635	67.1
Agri biolog tech exc health .....			
Chemical technicians .....	57	80	40.4
Drafters .....	121	205	69.4
Electrical, electronic tech .....	34	56	64.7
Industrial engineering tech .....			
Mathematical techn .....			
Mechanical engineering tech .....			
Surveyors .....	56	100	78.6
Engineering, science tech nec .....	112	194	73.2
Medical workers, exc tech .....	871	1,304	49.7
Chiropractors .....	33	40	21.2
Dentists .....	56	90	60.7
Dietitians .....	31	40	29.0
Optometrists .....	7	10	42.9
Pharmacists .....	60	87	45.0
Physicians, MD osteopaths .....	116	190	63.8
Podiatrists .....			
Registered nurses .....	502	713	42.0
Therapists .....	44	87	97.7
Veterinarians .....	22	47	113.6
Other medical and health .....			

	<u>1976 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985</u>
Health technol and tech .....	162	269	66.1
Clinical lab technol, tech .....	76	115	51.3
Dental hygienists .....	10	26	160.0
Health record technol, tech .....			
Radiologic technol, tech .....	31	46	48.4
Therapy assistants .....			
Other health technol, tech .....	45	82	82.2
Technicians, exc health .....	74	118	59.5
Airplane pilots .....	16	19	18.8
Air traffic controllers .....	9	12	33.3
Embalmers .....			
Flight engineers .....			
Radio operators .....	34	58	70.6
Tool programers, numerical .....			
Other technicians exc health .....	15	29	93.3
Computer specialists .....	50	83	66.0
Computer programers .....	36	60	66.7
Computer systems analysis .....	14	23	64.3
Other computer specialists .....			
Social scientists .....	88	148	68.2
Economists .....	88	148	68.2
Political scientists .....			
Psychologists .....			
Sociologists .....			
Urban and regional planners .....			
Other social scientists .....			
Teachers .....	2,436	2,569	5.5
Adult education teachers .....	98	137	39.8
College and univ teachers .....	262	215	-17.9
Elementary school teachers .....	891	1,005	12.8
Preschool, kindergarten .....	167	189	13.2
Secondary school teachers .....	722	662	-8.3
Teachers nec, exc coll, univer .....	296	361	22.0
Writers, artists, entertainers .....	451	674	49.5
Actors .....			
Athletes and kindred workers .....	27	37	37.0
Authors .....			
Dancers .....			
Designers .....	29	45	55.2
Editors and reporters .....	47	61	29.8
Musicians and composers .....	156	273	75.0
Painters and sculptors .....	81	107	32.1
Photographers .....	42	49	16.7
Public relations specialist .....	50	75	50.0
Radio, TV announcers .....	13	18	38.5
Writers, artists, entertain nec .....			
Other professional, technical .....	1,440	2,033	41.2
Accountants .....	474	654	38.0
Architects .....	54	103	90.7
Archivists and curators .....			
Clergy .....	19	24	26.3
Religious, exc clergy .....	11	20	81.8
Farm management advisors .....			
Judges .....			
Lawyers .....	149	212	42.3
Librarians .....	203	239	17.7
Operations, systems research .....			
Personnel labor relations .....	100	144	44.0
Research workers, nec .....	24	40	66.7
Recreation workers .....	145	208	43.5
Social workers .....	116	159	37.1
Vocational, ed counselors .....	110	184	67.3

	<u>1976 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985</u>
Managers, officials, proprietors .....	7,075	9,806	38.6
Buyers, sales, loan managers .....	1,115	1,948	74.7
Bank, financial managers .....	356	694	94.9
Credit managers .....	34	59	73.5
Buyers, shippers, farm products .....	20	40	100.0
Buyers, wholesale, retail .....	75	132	76.0
Purchasing agents, buyers, nec .....	81	121	49.4
Sales manager, retail trade .....	365	638	74.8
Sales manager, exc ret trade .....	184	264	43.5
Administrators, pub inspectors .....	543	726	33.7
Assess, control, loc pub admin .....	63	75	19.1
Construction inspector, pub .....			
Health administrators .....	73	104	42.5
Inspectors, exc construct pub .....	80	114	42.5
Officials, admins, pub .....	141	178	26.2
Postmasters and mail super .....			
School admin, college .....	30	47	56.7
School admin, elem, secondary .....	149	199	33.7
Other managers, officials, props .....	5,417	7,132	31.7
Funeral directors .....	28	26	- 7.1
Mgrs, superintendants, bldg .....	40	54	35.0
Office managers, nec .....	239	345	44.4
Offcrs, pilots, pursers, ship .....			
Officials of lodges, unions .....	142	161	13.4
Railroad conductors .....	15	26	73.3
Restaurant, cafe, bar mgrs .....	416	510	22.6
Other mgrs, administrators .....	4,537	6,010	32.5
Sales workers .....	3,526	5,007	42.0
Advertising agents, sales wrks .....	82	138	68.3
Auctioneers .....			
Demonstrators .....	57	84	47.4
Hucksters and peddlers .....	141	193	36.7
Insurance agents, brokers, etc .....	225	284	26.2
Newspaper carrier and vendor .....	51	40	-21.6
Real estate agents, brokers .....	248	273	10.1
Stock and bond sales agents .....	70	116	65.7
Sales workers, nec .....	2,652	3,879	46.3
Clerical workers .....	7,539	11,420	51.5
Stenographers, typists, secre .....	2,204	3,273	48.5
Secretaries, legal .....	80	128	60.0
Secretaries, medical .....	55	95	72.7
Secretaries, other .....	1,568	2,451	56.3
Stenographers .....	140	87	-37.9
Typists .....	361	512	41.8
Office machine operators .....	215	286	33.0
Bookkeeping, billing operators .....	33	53	60.6
Calculating machine operators .....			
Computer, peripheral equip .....	70	119	70.0
Duplicating machine operators .....	16	23	43.8
Keypunch operators .....	74	64	-13.6
Tabulating machine operators .....			
Other office machine operators .....	19	21	10.5
Other clerical workers .....	5,120	7,861	53.5
Bank tellers .....	156	278	78.2
Billing clerks .....	65	106	63.1

	1976 EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
Bookkeepers .....	957	1,227	28.2
Cashiers .....	580	889	53.3
Clerical assist, soc welfare .....			
Clerical supervisors, nec .....	128	196	53.1
Collectors, bill and account .....	45	68	51.1
Counter clerks, exc food .....	301	468	55.5
Dispatcher, starter, vehicle .....	57	87	52.6
Enumerators and interviewers .....	59	62	5.1
Estimators, investigators, nec .....	193	305	58.0
Expeditors, prod controllers .....	35	46	31.4
File clerks .....	27	35	29.6
Insurance adjust, examiners .....	40	52	30.0
Library attendants, assistant .....	115	158	37.4
Mail carriers, post office .....	86	115	33.7
Mail handler, exc post office .....	49	69	40.8
Messengers and office helpers .....	16	19	18.8
Meter readers, utilities .....	28	28	0.0
Payroll, time keeping clerks .....	48	70	45.8
Postal clerks .....	117	155	32.5
Proofreaders .....	9	11	22.2
Real estate appraisers .....	61	81	32.8
Receptionists .....	386	562	45.6
Shipping, receiving clerks .....	146	220	50.7
Statistical clerks .....	87	109	25.3
Stock clerks, store keepers .....	126	207	64.3
Teachers aides, exc monitors .....	150	286	90.7
Telegraph messengers .....			
Telegraph operators .....	45	33	-26.7
Telephone operators .....	172	213	23.8
Ticket station, express agents .....	55	59	7.3
Weighers .....	31	51	64.5
Misc clerical workers, nec .....	749	1,596	113.1
Cratfs and kindred workers .....	5,510	7,629	38.5
Construction crafts workers .....			
Carpenters .....	1,716	2,468	43.8
Brickmasons and stonemasons .....	649	896	38.1
Bulldozer operators .....	56	78	39.3
Cement and concrete finishers .....	46	82	78.3
Electricians .....	39	60	53.9
Excavating, grading, mach opr .....	234	370	58.1
Floor layers, exc tile setters .....	163	250	53.4
Painters, construction, maint .....	18	18	0.0
Paperhangers .....	134	161	20.2
Plasterers .....	23	26	13.0
Plumbers and pipefitters .....	223	342	53.4
Roofers and slaters .....	43	71	65.1
Structural metal craft workers .....	44	59	34.1
Tilesetters .....	44	55	25.0
Blue collar worker supvr, nec .....	582	846	45.4
Blue collar worker supvr, nec .....			
Metalworking craft wrkrs exc mec .....	100	129	29.0
Blacksmiths .....			
Boilermakers .....			
Heat treaters, annealers, etc .....			
Forge and hammer operators .....			
Job and die setters, metal .....			
Machinists .....	54	64	18.5
Millwrights .....			
Molders, metal .....			
Pattern and model makers .....	*	*	*
Rollers and finishers, metal .....	*	*	*

\*Less than ten.

	<u>1976 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985</u>
Sheet metal workers, tinsmiths .....	46	65	41.3
Tool, diemakers .....	*	*	*
Mechanics, repairers, installers .....	1,699	2,368	39.4
Air cond, heating, refrig mech .....	96	135	40.6
Aircraft mechanics .....	11	13	18.2
Auto accessories installers .....	15	14	- 6.7
Auto body repairers .....	112	134	19.6
Auto mechanics .....	540	747	38.3
Data processing mach repairers .....	8	17	12.5
Farm implement mechanics .....	65	99	52.3
Heavy equip mech, incl diesel .....	256	339	32.4
Household appliance mechanics .....	137	207	51.1
 Loom fixers .....			
Office machine repairers .....	90	162	80.0
Radio, television repairers .....	132	231	75.0
Railroad, car shop repairers .....	147	165	12.2
Other mechanics and apprentice .....	90	105	16.7
 Printing trade crafts workers .....			
Bookbinder .....	11	10	- 9.1
Compositors and typesetters .....	116	86	-25.9
Electrotypes, stereotypers .....			
Engravers exc photoengravers .....			
Photoengravers, lithographers .....			
Printing press operators .....	52	53	1.9
 Transportation, pub util craft .....			
Elec pwr line installer, reprs .....	43	65	51.2
Locomotive engineers .....	55	93	69.1
Locomotive engineer helpers .....			
Power station operators .....			
Telephone installers, repairers .....	121	187	54.5
Telephone line instalr, splicer .....	33	43	30.3
 Other crafts, kindred workers .....			
Bakers .....	143	174	21.7
Cabinetmakers .....	42	51	21.4
Carpet installers .....	21	33	57.1
Crane, derrick, and hoist opr .....	83	110	32.5
Decorators, window dressers .....	72	100	38.9
Dental laboratory tech .....	23	25	8.7
Furniture and wood finishers .....	23	35	52.2
Furriers .....			
Glaziers .....	68	105	54.4
Inspectors, log and lumber .....			
Inspectors, other .....	87	110	26.4
Jewelers and watchmakers .....	21	23	9.5
Millers, grain, flour, feed .....			
Motion picture projectionists .....	15	29	93.3
Opticians, lens grindr, polishr .....	102	196	92.2
Piano, organ tuners, repairers .....			
Shipfitters .....			
Shoe repairers .....	15	12	-20.0
Sign painters and letterers .....	24	29	20.8
Stationary engineers .....	163	143	-12.3
 Stone cutters, stone carvers .....			
Tailors .....	11	21	90.9
Upholsterers .....			
Crafts, kindred workers, nec .....	62	76	22.6

\*Less than ten.

	1976 EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
Operatives	4,507	5,820	29.1
Operatives, exc transport .....	2,554	3,304	29.4
Semiskilled metalworking .....	312	457	46.5
Drill press operatives .....			
Furnace tendrs, smeltrs. pourers .....			
Grinding machine operatives .....			
Heaters, metal .....			
Lathe, milling mach operatives .....			
Metal platers .....			
Other precision mach operators .....			
Punch stamping press operative .....			
Solderers .....			
Welders and flame cutters .....	311	456	46.6
Semiskilled textile .....			
Carding, lapping, combing oprs .....			
Knitters, loopers, and topers .....			
Spinners, twisters, winders .....			
Weavers .....			
Other textile operatives .....			
Semiskilled packing, inspecting .....	204	297	45.6
Checkers, examiners, etc, mfg .....	18	31	72.2
Graders and sorters, mfg .....	19	25	31.6
Meat wrappers, retail trade .....	40	68	70.0
Packer, wrapper, ex meat, produce .....	127	173	36.2
Prod grdr, packer, exc fact, farm .....			
Other operatives, exc transport .....	2,038	2,550	25.1
Asbestos, insulation workers .....	32	47	46.9
Assemblers .....	9	17	88.9
Blasters .....			
Bottling, canning operatives .....	14	22	57.2
Surveyor helpers .....	26	32	23.1
Clothing ironers and pressers .....	61	62	1.6
Cutting operatives, nec .....			
Dressmakers, exc factory .....	102	134	31.4
Drillers, earth .....	32	43	34.4
Dry wall installers, lathes .....	38	51	34.2
Dyers .....			
Other operatives, exc transport .....			
Filler, polisher, sander, buffer .....			
Garage wrkrs, gas station atten .....	431	474	10.0
Laundry, dry cleaning oprs, nec .....	97	131	35.1
Meat cutters, butchers, exc mfg .....	110	147	33.6
Meat cutters, butchers .....	84	121	44.1
Milliners .....			
Mine operatives, nec .....	13	17	30.8
Mixing operatives .....	17	19	11.8
Oilers, greasers, exc auto .....	17	16	- 5.9
Painters, mfg articles .....	43	64	48.8
Photographic process workers .....	44	64	45.5
Riveters and fasteners .....			
Sailors and deckhands .....			
Sawyers .....			
Sewers and stitchers .....	36	44	22.2
Shoemaking machine operatives .....			
Furnace tendr, stokr exc metal .....	24	26	8.3
Winding operatives, nec .....			
Misc mach operatives .....	319	412	29.2
Operatives, nec .....	461	573	24.3
Transport equipment operatives .....	1,953	2,516	28.8
Boat operators .....			
Bus drivers .....	134	169	26.1

	<u>1976 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985</u>
Conductors and opr, urban rail .....			
Delivery and route workers .....	540	771	42.8
Fork lift, tow motor operatives .....	49	84	71.4
Rail vehicle operators, nec .....			
Parking attendant .....	70	86	22.9
Railroad brake operators .....	47	69	46.8
Railroad switch operators .....	110	127	15.5
Taxicab drivers, chauffeurs .....	73	91	24.7
Truck drivers .....			
Service workers .....	7,044	10,072	42.9
Cleaning service workers .....	1,539	2,397	55.8
Lodging quartrs cleanrs exc pr.....	269	485	80.3
Bldg interior cleaners, nec .....	469	776	65.5
Janitors and sextons .....	801	1,136	41.8
Food service workers .....	2,819	4,076	44.6
Bartenders .....	242	378	56.2
Waiters assistants .....	120	159	32.5
Cooks, exc private .....	647	1,037	60.3
Dishwashers .....	185	237	28.1
Food counter, fountain workers .....	349	475	36.1
Waiters .....	912	1,360	49.1
Food workers, nec, exc private .....	364	430	18.1
Health service workers .....	760	1,317	73.3
Dental assistants .....	72	115	59.7
Health aides, except nursing .....	56	98	75.0
Health trainees .....			
Lay midwives .....			
Nurses aides, orderlies .....	451	743	64.8
Practical nurses .....	181	361	99.5
Personal service workers .....	1,060	1,351	27.5
Flight attendants .....			
Atten, recreation, amusement .....	90	105	16.7
Atten, personal service, nec .....	44	54	22.7
Baggage porters and bellhops .....	49	52	6.1
Barbers .....	101	89	-11.9
Boarding, lodging housekeepers .....	29	29	0.0
Bootblacks .....			
Child care workers, exc private .....	389	594	52.7
Elevator operators .....			
Hairdressers, cosmetologists .....	272	316	16.2
Housekeepers, exc private .....	45	55	22.2
School monitors .....	27	40	48.2
Ushers, recreation, amusement .....	8	13	62.5
Welfare service aides .....			
Protective and service workers .....	598	750	25.4
Crossing guard, bridgetenders .....			
Firefighters .....	123	132	7.3
Guards .....	102	126	23.5
Marshals and constables .....			
Police and detectives .....	234	321	37.2
Sheriffs and bailliffs .....	137	169	23.4
Private household workers .....	268	181	-32.5
Child care workers .....	203	133	-34.5
Cooks, private .....			
Housekeepers, private .....	16	12	-26.0
Launderers, private household .....			
Pri household cleaners, servants .....	47	35	-25.3

	1976 EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTED 1985 EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT CHANGE 1976-1985
<b>  Laborers, except farm .....</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>28.9</b>
Animal caretakers, exc farm .....	58	94	62.1
Carpenters, helpers .....	81	82	1.2
Constr labr, exc carpenter help .....	354	430	21.5
Fishers, hunters and trappers .....			
Freight, material handlers .....	267	342	28.1
Garbage collectors .....	94	156	66.0
Gardenrs, groundkeepr, exc farm .....	268	308	14.9
Longshore workers, stevedores .....			
Timbercutting, logging workers .....			
Stock handlers .....	349	561	60.7
Teamsters .....			
Vehicle washers, equip cleaners .....	199	260	30.7
Warehouse laborers, nec .....	283	323	14.1
Other laborers .....	403	483	19.9
 <b>  Farmers and farm workers .....</b>	 <b>1,113</b>	 <b>781</b>	 <b>-29.8</b>
Farmers and farm managers .....	648	472	-27.2
Farmers (owners and tenants) .....	618	432	-30.1
Farm managers .....	30	40	33.3
Farm laborers, farm supervisors .....	465	309	-33.5
Farm labor supervisors .....	31	31	0.0
Farm laborers, wage wrkr .....	417	264	-36.7
Farm laborers, unpaid family .....	17	14	-17.7
Farm laborers, self-empl .....			





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